

HOUSE BILL 2555

By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
relative to codes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) On or before July 1, 2009, the state fire marshal shall, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, promulgate updated rules establishing minimum statewide building construction safety standards. Such standards shall be designed to afford a reasonable degree of safety to life and property from fire and hazards incident to the design, construction, alteration and repair of buildings or structures and shall conform to the provisions of this section.

(2) Upon the effective date of this act and until the earlier of the date the rules promulgated by the state fire marshal take effect or July 1, 2009, any person not subject to the jurisdiction of a local government meeting the requirements of subdivision (b)(2) is in compliance with the statewide building construction standards for general building and fire safety who complies with the following:

(A) The Standard (Southern) Building Code, 1999, and the Uniform Fire Code, published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.; or

(B) The most recent edition of the International Building Code, 2006, and the International Fire Code, 2006, published by the International Code Council.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.